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Gentlemen & Ladies,

Walmart destroys the local businesses in any community it touches. I almost can't find an independent hardware store, sporting goods store, or camping store anywhere in Palm Beach county. I urge you to watch a film that exposes how Walmart corporation operates, from the mouths of its own employees, and those whose communities it has victimized.

<http://www.walmartmovie.com/>

It has intentionally predatory business practices, which in reality means driving all independent competition out of business so that it becomes the only public infrastructure in the market areas in which it competes. Letting it into any other market areas is counter to the public interest, especially banking and finance. Our communities will become company towns, "Walmart Towns", because Walmart will have killed off every other market competitor and will control access to every human need.

Walmart underpays its employees or does the old restrict them to part-time hours dodge, and is a drain on our communities in a number of ways, sucking the economic vitality out of Main St. and into offshore corporate accounts.

Walmart lets the State of Florida pick up the public health tab for the health insurance that they're not providing to their employees, sloughing off their responsibilities onto the over-burdened and under-funded civil infrastructure.

Don't let Walmart into banking. Based on past behavior, Walmart can't be trusted, and it certainly shouldn't be entrusted with our finances.

Thank you,

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